

IN THE CLAIMS

Pending claims 1 and 9 have been amended. In a separate document accompanying this Response, a copy of the pending claims is presented. Claims 6-8 have been canceled. The remaining pending claims are unchanged.

As Applicant advances his case toward a patentable conclusion, he prosecutes and respectfully requests the Honorable Examiner to reconsider the claims objected to in the First Office Action.

The claims have been changed as follows:

- 1) (currently amended) A motorized chalk line apparatus comprising:
 - a) a housing including an aperture having a portion of said a chalk line extending therefrom;
 - b) a spool compartment within said housing further comprising:
 - i) a first stub axle extending inward from a first side of said spool compartment; and
 - ii) a second stub axle extending inward from a second side of said spool compartment;
 - c) a chalk reservoir in proximity to said spool compartment communicating with said housing's aperture having said chalk line extending therefrom, wherein said chalk reservoir further comprises:
 - i) a first opening through which chalk is added to said chalk reservoir; and
 - ii) a second opening communicating with said spool compartment;

- d) a spool comprising:
 - i) a hollow ~~for engaging~~ extending from said first stub axle ~~and to~~ said second stub axle; and
 - ii) a driven gear;
 - e) a winding of said chalk line about said spool, wherein at least a portion of said chalk line extends through said second opening and said housing's aperture;
 - f) a drive for engaging said driven gear, wherein said drive rotates said spool to wind said chalk line about said spool;
 - g) an electrical motor communicating with said housing and said drive;
 - h) a battery communicating with said housing and linked to said electrical motor;
 - i) a switch communicating with said housing for activating said electrical motor; and
 - j) a stop at ~~the~~ an outward most portion of said chalk line.
- 6) Please cancel.
 - 7) Please cancel.
 - 8) Please cancel.

- 9) (currently amended) A motorized chalk line apparatus comprising:
- a) a housing including an aperture having a portion of said a chalk line extending therefrom;
 - b) a spool compartment contained within said housing further comprising:
 - i) a first stub axle extending inward from a first side of said spool compartment; and
 - ii) a second stub axle extending inward from a second side of said spool compartment and opposite said first stub axle;
 - c) a chalk reservoir joining said spool compartment and communicating with said housing's aperture having said chalk line extending therefrom, wherein said chalk reservoir further comprises:
 - i) a first opening through which chalk is added to said chalk reservoir; and
 - ii) a common opening with said spool compartment;
 - d) a spool comprising:
 - i) a hollow ~~for engaging~~ extending from said first stub axle ~~and to~~ said second stub axle; and
 - ii) a driven gear;
 - e) a winding of said chalk line about said spool, wherein at least a portion of said chalk line extends through said common opening and said housing's aperture;
 - f) a drive for engaging said driven gear:
 - i) for rotating said spool to wind said chalk line about said spool, when said drive is energized; or

- 1) (currently amended) A motorized chalk line apparatus comprising:
 - a) a housing including an aperture having a portion of ~~said a~~ a chalk line extending therefrom;
 - b) a spool compartment within said housing further comprising:
 - i) a first stub axle extending inward from a first side of said spool compartment; and
 - ii) a second stub axle extending inward from a second side of said spool compartment;
 - c) a chalk reservoir in proximity to said spool compartment communicating with said housing's aperture having said chalk line extending therefrom, wherein said chalk reservoir further comprises:
 - i) a first opening through which chalk is added to said chalk reservoir; and
 - ii) a second opening communicating with said spool compartment;
 - d) a spool comprising:
 - i) a hollow ~~for engaging~~ extending from said first stub axle ~~and to~~ said second stub axle; and
 - ii) a driven gear;
 - e) a winding of said chalk line about said spool, wherein at least a portion of said chalk line extends through said second opening and said housing's aperture;
 - f) a drive for engaging said driven gear, wherein said drive rotates said spool to wind said chalk line about said spool;
 - g) an electrical motor communicating with said housing and said drive;

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h) a battery communicating with said housing and linked to said electrical motor;

i) a switch communicating with said housing for activating said electrical motor; and

j) a stop at the an outward most portion of said chalk line.

2) (original) The invention of claim 1 wherein said chalk reservoir further comprises a slide positioned about said first opening.

3) (original) The invention of claim 2 wherein said stop further comprises an anchor.

4) (original) The invention of claim 3 wherein said drive further comprises a drive gear for engaging said driven gear.

5) (original) The invention of claim 4 wherein said switch is a contact switch.

6) (canceled).

7) (canceled).

8) (canceled).

9) (currently amended) A motorized chalk line apparatus comprising:

a) a housing including an aperture having a portion of ~~said~~ a chalk line extending therefrom;

b) a spool compartment contained within said housing further comprising:

i) a first stub axle extending inward from a first side of said spool compartment; and

ii) a second stub axle extending inward from a second side of said spool compartment and opposite said first stub axle;

1 c) a chalk reservoir joining said spool compartment and communicating
2 with said housing's aperture having said chalk line extending therefrom, wherein said chalk
3 reservoir further comprises:

4 i) a first opening through which chalk is added to said chalk
5 reservoir; and

6 ii) a common opening with said spool compartment;

7 d) a spool comprising:

8 i) a hollow ~~for engaging~~ extending from said first stub axle ~~and to~~
9 said second stub axle; and

10 ii) a driven gear;

11 e) a winding of said chalk line about said spool, wherein at least a portion
12 of said chalk line extends through said common opening and said housing's aperture;

13 f) a drive for engaging said driven gear:

14 i) for rotating said spool to wind said chalk line about said spool,
15 when said drive is energized; or

16 ii) for allowing said chalk line to be pulled out of said housing's
17 aperture, when said drive is deenergized;

18 g) an electrical motor communicating with said housing and said drive;

19 h) a battery communicating with said housing and linked to said electrical
20 motor;

21 i) a switch communicating with said housing for actuating said electrical
22 motor;

23 j) a stop at ~~the~~ an outward most portion of said chalk line; and

1 k) a recharging circuit communicating with said housing and linked to said
2 battery for recharging said battery.

3 10) (original) The invention of claim 9 wherein said stop further comprises an
4 anchor.

5 11) (original) The invention of claim 10 wherein said chalk reservoir further
6 comprises a slide positioned about said first opening.

7 12) (original) The invention of claim 11 wherein said drive further comprises a
8 drive gear for engaging said driven gear.

9 13) (original) The invention of claim 12 wherein said switch is a contact
10 switch.

11 14) (original) The invention of claim 13 further comprising a recharging base
12 unit for said motorized chalk line apparatus.

13 15) (original) The invention of claim 14 wherein said recharging base unit
14 further comprises a junction fitted to reciprocate with a pair of exposed contacts of said
15 recharging circuit.

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